

## Immigrants, Women and Transnational Migration

Women's Studies 312

Section: D100

Term: 2009 Fall

Instructor: Dr. Habiba Zaman

Discussion Topics: This course explores socio-economic-political conditions required for immigrant and migrant women's security for the growth, development and their full participation in the Canadian society. The concept of immigrant is used in a broad and comprehensive way beyond the legal framework and standard societal perception. By exploring the role of the state, this course also examines the restructuring of immigration and settlement policies in Canada and how immigrants irrespective of race, gender, class, sexual orientation, age and dis/ability have been affected by these policies. Key objectives of the course are to:

\x09examine immigration policies in an era of neo-liberalism;

\x09examine the role of institutions in facilitating transnational migration and different forms of migrant workers;

\x09analyse various levels of commodification and erosion of skills related to immigrant and migrant women;

\x09explore the federal and provincial governments efforts to recognize immigrants credentials from countries of origin;

\x09analyse the role of multiculturalism, citizenship and social policies in immigrants and migrants lives;

\x09explore effective strategies for facilitating full participation of immigrants and their families.

Grading: One short paper and presentation (1500 words; 6-7 pages)		25%
Research essay and presentation (9-10 pages; 250 words per page)	30%	
Final take-home exam (two short essays out of three)		30%
Class attendance and participation		15%

Required Texts: Barrington Walker (ed) The History of Immigration and Racism in Canada: Essential Readings. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press (2008)

WS 312 Custom Courseware 2009

On-line materials

Recommended Texts: A number of texts will be placed on 7-day reserve in the library.

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: : WS 101 or 102. Students who have previously taken WS 320 Special Topic: Immigrant Women and Economic Security may not take this course for further credit.

Note: To waive pre-requisite, kindly contact Dr. Habiba Zaman (hzaman@sfu.ca).

Notes:

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